

**Arbor Day Foundation Names Hattiesburg a Tree City Community  
May 20, 2010**

Hattiesburg, Mississippi was recognized by the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA community for its commitment to urban forestry. This year is the eighteenth year Hattiesburg has earned this national designation. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

Hattiesburg has met four standards to become a Tree City USA community. All recipients must have a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

“We commend Hattiesburg’s elected officials, volunteers and its citizens for providing vital care for its urban forest,” said John Rosenow, Chief Executive and Founder of Arbor Day Foundation. “Trees provide numerous environmental, economical and health benefits to millions of people each day, and we applaud communities that make planting and caring for trees a top priority.”

The award was presented by Donna Yowell of the Mississippi Urban Forestry Council to the City of Hattiesburg Arborist, Andy Parker and Loren Erickson of the City of Hattiesburg Tree Board on May 14, 2010. More information about Tree City USA can be found at [www.arborday.org/TreeCityUSA](http://www.arborday.org/TreeCityUSA)

